



Botanischer Garten zu Hamburg

den 24<sup>ten</sup> März 1851

My very dear friend!

I offer you my best thanks for your kind letter of 4<sup>th</sup> inst. and for your friendly promise to offer me also the 2<sup>d</sup> volume of your *Genera Illustrata*. This is every thing, which I receive from you, with a most agreeable present for me.

The *Plantae tropicarum* (printed, and in dried exemplars) plants Africa Austral etc etc, which I have mentioned in a former letter and upon which you inquire in your last letter are forwarded to you by a traveller, the well known J. F. Driège, who took them directly to New York. Mr Driège wrote me, to have forwarded the chest with plants etc. for you, on the 30 July 1850 from Cleveland Ohio & Express to Druba Gray Howard University Boston. The chest must be arrived in safety according to his opinion and will probably await your return in Boston.

I am glad hearing your writing on the *Compositae*, which interest me also very much. I shall therefore say aside plants of this family to forward them occasionally to you, and beg you to communicate to me exemplars of your *Novitiae* of this family.

I have examined this summer living specimens  
of the plant which Hooker figured fl. Boracali  
Americ. tab 110 as *Tanacetum? marianum*, and  
named it as peculiar genus *Stijlopsis marianum*.  
On the contrary I give up as peculiar genus the  
*Schaemia* (Haut. Nees 1-420) which I also had  
more occasion to examine living and more exactly  
than formerly, and bring it to *Stenopogon*. Hooker  
has got it, figured Bot. Magaz. tab 4560.

Mr Lowell had the goodness to trust me  
some Hepaticae from Dr Taylor's Herbarium for  
examination, through your and Sellowan's medium,  
with the order to return them to Dr Booth.

I herewith send these plants to you, leaving it  
to your judgement, whether you will deliver them  
to Dr Booth or take them back to America  
with yourself; begging you at any rate to tell  
Mr Lowell how much I am obliged to him for  
his kind liberality.

I shall not come to England, neither to the  
Great Exhibition nor to the British Associa-  
tion at Ipswich. I should rather like to go  
to New and only to New and would be entirely  
satisfied, by seeing you, Sir W. Hooker and  
Dr Wallich and living some time in this coun-  
try.

I should be truly sorry, if you, my dear  
friend, would not visit Germany next sum-  
mer, hoping already so long time to see you  
here.

I beg to recall myself to the memory of,  
the amiable family Hooker and to salute  
particularly Sir William, whom I love  
as sincerely as I admire him. Not less  
make my compliments to my dear friend  
Dr Wallich.

My eyes are a little better, although  
I am still obliged to take much care of them,  
and can't work as much as I should like  
to do.

Believe me to be your most obliged and  
faithful friend.

Linnæus

To

Dr. Asa Gray Esq<sup>r</sup>  
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Nov. 24 57

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